

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LENDING 00237 131427Z

21

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SCS-03 SCA-01 PPT-01 CIAE-00 FBIE-00

INSE-00 NSAE-00 DHA-02 ORM-02 L-03 H-02 SS-15 NSC-05

SY-05 INR-07 /059 W

----- 071952

R 131234Z FEB 76

FM AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1981

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

C O N F I D E N T I A L L E N I N G R A D 0 2 3 7

EO 11652GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, SREF, CVIS, UR, US

SUBJ: EMIGRATION CASE OF FELIX ARONOVICH

REF: LENINGRAD 193, STATE 032479

1. POLOFF VISITED FELIX ARONOVICH EVENING OF FEBRUARY 12
FOR UPDATE ON HIS CASE. SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS.

2. ARONOVICH CALLED ON LENINGRAD OVIR CHIEF
FEBRUARY 11 TO DISCUSS HIS CASE IN LIGHT OF REMARKS
BY CHERNOV, DIPLOMATIC AGENCY, REPORTED OUR 193.
ARONOVICH ASKED OVIR IF THERE HAD BEEN POSITIVE DECISION
IN HIS CASE AND RECEIVED NEGATIVE REPLY. HE THEN
ASKED IF HE COULD EXPECT POSITIVE REPLY (CHERNOV'S
ASSURANCES OF JANUARY 30) AND OVIR RESPONDED THAT "ONE
CANNOT EXPECT IT." HOWEVER, OVIR REFRAINED FROM
ISSUING FORMAL REFUSAL AND ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMMENT
ARONOVICH'S WRITTEN STATEMENT WHICH EXPRESSES HIS
INTENTION TO REUNITE WITH HIS FAMILY IN THE U.S. RATHER
THAN GO TO ISRAEL, ON THE WHOLE, OVIR GAVE ARONOVICH
THE IMPRESSION THAT HIS CASE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION,
ALTHOUGH OVIR WAS CAREFUL NOT TO GIVE ANY CONCRETE
ENCOURAGEMENT.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LENDING 00237 131427Z

3. ARONOVICH CALLED CHERNOV LATER ON FEBRUARY 11

AND RELATED OUTCOME OF HIS VISIT TO OVIR, ASKING CHERNOV HOW THIS SQUARED WITH CHERNOV'S STATEMENT THAT HE COULD EXPECT A POSITIVE REPLY. ARONOVICH SAID THAT HE STILL WISHED TO VISIT CONGEN TO DISCUSS HIS CASE IF THERE WAS NO REASON TO EXPECT FAVORABLE OVIR ACTION. CHERNOV REMARKED THAT EMIGRATION CASES CANNOT BE DECIDED IMMEDIATELY, SAID THAT CASE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND ASKED ARONOVICH TO CALL HIM AGAIN ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16. CHERNOV THEN REITERATED THAT THERE WAS NO REASON FOR ARONOVICH TO VISIT CONGEN FOR NOTARIAL SERVICE, ALTHOUGH FELIX POINTED OUT TO CHERNOV THAT SOVIET CONSULAR OFFICIALS ARE EMPOWERED TO PERFORM NOTARIAL SERVICES AT SOVIET DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS. QUESTION OF VISIT TO CONGEN WAS LEFT PENDING SUBJECT TO CHERNOV'S FURTHER INFORMATION ON CASE WHEN ARONOVICH CALLS HIM AGAIN ON MONDAY.

4. COMMENT: CONGEN WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD FIRE ON DIPLOMATIC AGENCY'S RATHER ODD INVOLVEMENT IN CASE UNTIL ARONOVICH AGAIN CONTACTS CHERNOV ON MONDAY. WE FIND CHERNOV'S ROLE MOST UNUSUAL AND IT IS FIRST INSTANCE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT DIPLOMATIC AGENCY HAS PLAYED SELF-ADOPTED ROLE OF WOULD-BE HONEST BROKER BETWEEN REFUSENIK, OVIR, AND CONGEN. WHILE CONGEN WELCOMES ANY GENUINE POSITIVE ROLE THAT DIPLOMATIC AGENCY CAN, IN FACT, PLAY, OUR DISPLEASURE WILL BE COMPOUNDED IF CHERNOV'S INVOLVEMENT IS SIMPLY DELAYING TACTIC WHICH IS DESIGNED TO KEEP ARONOVICH AWAY FROM CONGEN WHILE HE REMAINS IN CONTINUED REFUSENIK STATUS. IRONY, OF COURSE, IS FACT THAT DENIAL OF ARONOVICH'S ASSESS TO CONGEN IS NOT ALL ALL PREVENTING HIS CONTACT WITH CONGEN OFFICER.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ARONOVICH'S MOTHER, MRS. LYUBOV DENINTSEN, IS CALLING HIM ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, TO SEE WHERE THINGS STAND. IF SHE AGAIN CONTACTS DEPARTMENT, PLEASE ASSURE HER THAT SON IS WELL AND DETERMINED TO SEE WHERE PRESENT INTERPLAY OF CIRCUMSTANCES WILL LEAD.

NEUBERT

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: JEWS, DOCUMENTS, HARASSMENT, EMIGRANTS, EXIT VISAS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 FEB 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: coburnhl
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976LENING00237
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760056-0715
From: LENINGRAD
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760251/aaaabsrm.tel
Line Count: 99
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 LENINGRAD 193, 76 STATE 32479
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: coburnhl
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06 MAY 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <31 AUG 2004 by coburnhl>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EMIGRATION CASE OF FELIX ARONOVICH
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, SREF, CVIS, UR, US, (ARONOVICH, FELIX)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006